including surveyors from outside the State of Andhra Pradesh in order to expedite finalisation of survey reports.

(b) Similar relaxations, as given for dealing with the claims arising out of riots in Coastal Andhra Pradesh, were given for handling claims arising out of Delhi Riots in October/November, 1984. However, at that time, the Riot Risk was not covered as a standard peril but it was to be included as an extraneous peril on payment of addtional premium. This consideration does not apply in the case of Andhra Pradesh Riots as Riots, Strike and Malicious Damage Risks have since been included in the standard cover under Fire and Motor Policies.

Public sector projects financed by the Asian Development Bank

2424. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the projects in public sector which are being financed by the Asian Development Bank; and

(b) what are the projects for which ADB is going to finance in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Asian Development Bank has so far committed $920.6 million against six projects in the power and infrastructure sectors. These projects are:

	US $ Million
North Madras Thrmal Power Project	150.0
Ports Development Project	87.6
Railways Project	190.0
First Tele-communication Project	135.0
Unchahar Thermal Power Extension Project	160.0
Road Improvement Project	198.0

In addition, negotiations have been held for a loan of US $ 118 million for a Second Tele-communications Projects, and a formal commitment to this effect from ADB is expected within the next financial year.

The pipeline of projects for the future is at present indeterminate, since this would depend upon the availability of ADB financing, and the status of preparation and processing of individual projects.

Dismissal/Retrenchment in Banks

2425. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of employees of nationalised banks who have been dismissed or retrenched during the last two financial years and during the current financial year;

(b) what are the reasons for these dismissals and retrenchments; and

(c) what action has been taken by the Government in this matter and how many these have been reinstated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) According to information made available by 15 nationalised banks 1137 employees in various cadres are reported to have been dismissed/removed/retired/retrenched during the current as well as last two financial years for reasons like misconducts/conviction by Courts. Action of dismissal/removal etc. is taken by the competent authority of the respective banks under the provisions of service rules governing the employees and reinstatement, if any is also considered by the management. 71 employees of the banks are reported to have been reinstated during the period under reference.

Loss of Forests due to felling of Trees and Fire in Uttar Pradesh

2426. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated loss of forests due to fire and felling of trees in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the details of measures taken by the Government to prevent the felling of trees and to control and prevent fires in forests; and

(c) the details of financial assistance given to Uttar Pradesh during the last three years for the development of forests?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) An area of 39,281.73 hectares is reported to have been burnt by fire in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years. Information with regard to loss of forest due to felling of trees is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(b) Guidelines have been issued to the State Governments from time to time for protection of forests against felling of trees. Some of these guidelines are as follows:—

(i) To avoid felling of natural forests and where such felling are inevitable for restoration of crop or other silvicultural considerations, it should be restricted to areas not exceeding 10 hectares in the hills and 25 hectares in the plains.

(ii) To consider banning of fellings in the hills above 1,000 metres, at least for some years.

(iii) To identify critical areas in the hills and mountains which require protection from felling of forests and need immediate vigorous afforestation.

(iv) To set apart 4 per cent of the geographical areas as protection area like wildlife sanctuaries, national parks biosphere reserves etc.

Measures taken by the Government to control and prevent fires in forests include clearance and maintenance of fire lines, controlled burning along roads and paths, seeking cooperation of the people through publicity and extinguishing forests fires with the help of counter fires and implements including hand tools.

(c) An amount of Rs. 8755.00 lakhs has been given to Uttar Pradesh as Central assistance for afforestation schemes during the last 3 years.

Extension of Term of the Chairman, Bank of Baroda

2427. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to extend the term of office of the Chairman of Bank of Baroda, if so, for how many years;

(b) whether it is a practice not to extend the term of any executive beyond 60 years, if so, what were the compelling reasons for this extension; and

(c) whether Government have received reports of the Central Vigilance Commission and Reserve Bank of India against the present Chairman, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (cb) After taking all relevant factors into consideration, Shri Premjit Singh has been reappointed for a further period of one year as the Chairman and Managing Director of Bank of Baroda.

(c) The Chairman and Managing Director of Bank of Baroda does not figure in the records of Central Vigilance Commission. Reserve Bank's investigations into the complaints against the present Chairman of Bank of Baroda reveal that they were of too general a nature and not borne out by facts.

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